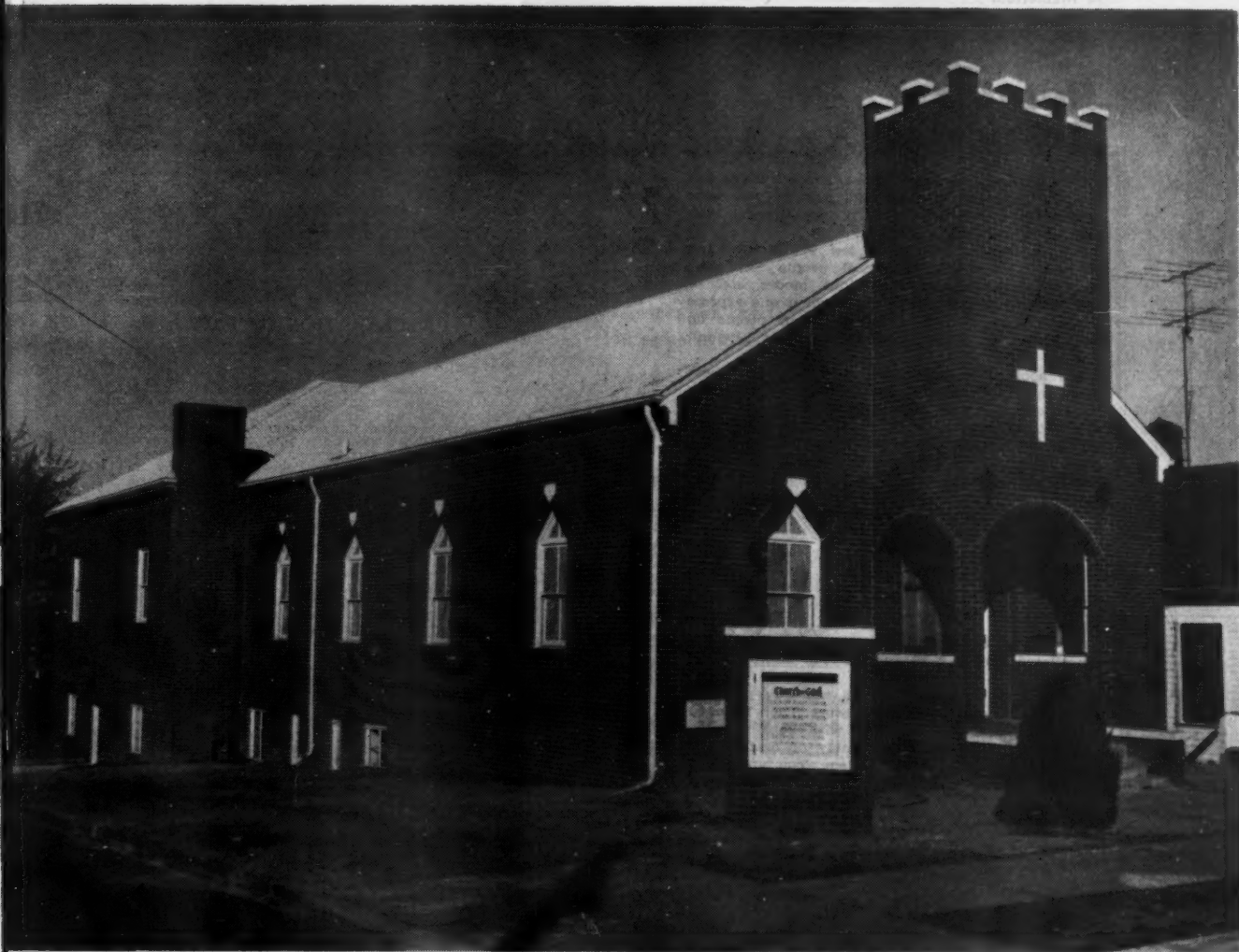


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Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.



The North Danville, Virginia, Church of God (See the Virginia State Report on page 7.)

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Readers' Response

I would like to commend you, Brother Cross and Brother Britt, on the splendid articles you have written in the recent issues of the Evangel concerning the Catholic Church.

I have learned that very few Protestants and especially our own Pentecostal people have any idea as to the internal operations, modes, etc., of the Catholic church. Many times when one exposes some of their doctrines and filth, our people do not think such things could exist in our day and age.

The book, *The Other Side of Rome*, which was listed by the *Evangel* some time back, is truly an outstanding piece of literature. Every Protestant in the nation, regardless of his church affiliation, should be enthusiastically encouraged to read this great book. Protestants should better understand this religion because far too many people think the Catholic religion possibly is not so bad. No small number of Protestant-reared children are marrying Catholic companions.

—W. H. BURTON

Baltimore, Md.

I want to let you know that I have certainly appreciated the May 16 and May 23 issues of the Evangel.

I was about to write you and ask why you had not spoken out on the political issues. Then I looked up one day and you had shot with both barrels. I passed them on to an Assembly of God pastor here in town, and he liked them. You are doing a good job.

—JOHN BLACK

Pastor, Robinson Church of God
Robinson, Ill.

I am writing this to thank you for the message on "God's Irrefutable Timepiece," by George L. Britt. This had so much to do with my serving God. It put the fear of God in my heart. I could spend hours telling you what the Evangel has meant to me, but at the end of my time, I would be no nearer the end than at the start.

Tears fail not to come down my cheeks when I read the testimonies. It is so wonderful to know we have people who still believe that God heals and will not give man and luck the credit for it. I, too, believe we are living in the last days and each time I read "God's Irrefutable Timepiece," I want to live a little closer to God.

—LESTER RICHIE

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1. In the vernal inspiration of the Bible 2. In our God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor. 4. That the Father has promised to bestow the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God, and all necessary for forgiveness of sins. 5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ. 6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost. 7. Holiness to be God's standard for His people. 8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to the new birth. 9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit reveals, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. 10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptised in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. 11. Divine healing is provided for all in the statement. 12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of feet. 13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. 14. In the resurrection of the dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years. 14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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Attention!

The following is the schedule of services for the Ordained Ministers' Council and General Assembly, Memphis, Tennessee, August 16-19, 1960:

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

- 8:00 a.m. Ordained Ministers' Council
- 2:00 p.m. Ordained Ministers' Council
- 6:45 p.m. Opening of the General Assembly

**WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,
AUGUST 17-20**

- 8:00 a.m. Ordained Ministers' Council
- 10:15 a.m. General Assembly session
- 2:00 p.m. Ordained Ministers' Council
- 6:45 p.m. General Assembly session

All ministers are particularly urged to attend this great meeting. Only ordained ministers will be permitted on the main floor of the Ordained Ministers' Council; they alone shall participate in debating and voting. Licensed ministers may sit in the balconies during these sessions; they shall not participate in debating or voting.

All members and friends who can do so are urged to attend the General Assembly sessions, both business and devotional, which will be open to the public.

James A. Cross
General Overseer

Our Oldest Member Passes to Her Reward...

Mrs. W. F. Bryant

ON MARCH 18, 1960, the Church of God lost the earthly presence of its oldest member. Promoted to her eternal reward was Mrs. W. F. Bryant, who for many years has stood as a symbol of our beginnings.

Born June 23, 1865, Sister Bryant was a young wife and mother at the time the Church of God was founded in 1886. Her husband was the leader of a small holiness congregation in Cherokee County, North Carolina. In 1896, this small congregation was merged with a similar congregation led by R. G. Spurling in Monroe County, Tennessee. The fusion was brought about by a great outpouring of the Holy Ghost during that year. Brother and Sister Bryant were among those who received the experience.

The Bryant home became the center of activity for the small group. It was in this home that the small church adopted its first system of church government and organization in 1902.

When the first Assembly was conducted in 1906, the Bryants went to the meeting, across the mountain in the home of J. C. Murphy, by ox cart. Sister Bryant was one of the women who prepared the meals for the twenty-one delegates during that historic January meeting.

Throughout those beleaguered early days, Sister Bryant was a conspicuous and indomitable figure of spiritual determination. During

By the Editor

the years of persecution, her home was stoned, sprayed with gunshot, the food and water supplies were polluted, and she knew the chill sound of assailants' footsteps about and through her little house. With courage, she sheltered her children from intimidation and her husband from bodily harm at the hands of these persecutors.

It took great courage to live for God in those days. The years did not take that zeal and courage away from Sister Bryant. Those of us who knew her well will never



Mrs. W. F. Bryant as she was introduced to the General Assembly in 1954.

forget her sprightliness in the service of the Lord until the time of her death.

During her last years, I had the privilege of spending long periods of time with Sister Bryant, accompanying her in memory back into the vague and hazy days of our beginnings. We traversed those old trails over and over in an effort to recapture fact and distinguish it from legend.

At one of the last General Assemblies she attended, Sister Bryant whispered to me just before I introduced her to the congregation that she had attended the first Assembly by ox cart and that one by airplane. This pointed up that within the span of her life, she had seen all the progress and development of the church alongside the technological development of our day. She was the one person who had been active in the Church throughout the course of its history.

On March 18, her course was finished. At the age of ninety-five, the Lord decided that she had done enough.

Her funeral was conducted on March 20 in the headquarters church with several ministers participating: Lloyd Jones, James L. Slay, Milton A. Tomlinson, and Jack Crye. As a final tribute to her, the church was crowded with those who had come to pay their last respects to a variant and venerable keeper of the faith.

A CHRISTIAN
INTERPRETATION OF



THE TIMES

Revival of Interest in Miracles

Conclusion

By George L. Britt

IN THE PAST century, which witnessed the flourishing of rationalism and saw the birth of the theory of evolution, faith in miracles became very rare. It was called the Age of Reason. It was an age of great scientific advancement; men relied on science and refused to have faith in anything which could not be proved by science. Faith in the miraculous died to a mere flicker.

Now in the last few decades the pendulum is swinging swiftly in the other direction. Along with the greatest strides in science and physics known to man, there is a great revival of interest in the metaphysical and in miracles. Men seem to have a hunger for contact with the spiritual realm. In recent years Duke University has devoted much time and research to determine if man has an extra-sensory means of communicating with other beings. This means of communication without using any of the known senses is called telepathy. They are searching to find a power outside themselves. God has provided a way that this inherent desire can be fully satisfied.

He has provided a plan of salvation whereby man can actually have fellowship with God. The majority spurn God's plan of salvation and try to satisfy this hunger in their own way.

In the early years of this century, the Pentecostal people, who are considered the ultra-fundamentalists, awoke to the fact that God does not change, neither does His plan of salvation change. They sought, by total consecration and by earnestly contending for the faith, a dispensation of God's grace as seen in the early church. These sincere consecrated Christians were rewarded, first by moral miracles in their own lives and then by witnessing many real miracles wrought by God's power. Thousands, including the writer, experienced the healing power of God. This wonderful grace was received through God's approved methods. The prerequisites are humility, self-effacement, entire consecration, holy reverence, implicit childlike faith, persistent prayer, praise and honor to God.

Today there is a radical change even in Pentecostal ranks. There

is still a desire to see miracles but the whole atmosphere has changed. The desire seems to be shallow on the spiritual side and tinged with the curiosity motive to the point of irreverence. The sincere humility, the meticulous consecration, and the great desire to glorify the living God seems to be lacking. The spirit of intense intercession that at one time gripped God's people when one of their number needed healing has been supplanted by a superficial desire to see wholesale miracles produced by human personalities.

A similar condition existed in the second and third centuries of this age. The glorious God-breathed canonical Gospels had their echo in the spurious compositions of that age. The real Christ in the real Gospels performed real miracles, the divine purpose of which was to confirm the plan of salvation and cause men to seek redemption. These real miracles caused men to hunger after righteousness and fellowship with God. The spurious forgeries of the second century presented a Christ who as a child patted out mudballs which He threw into the air and they became birds and flew away. The "mudball" spirit can be clearly seen in some of the forgeries of today. Regardless of all this, God will make Himself real to His consecrated people. We should earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints. God is healing today in His own way and for His own glory. The point to remember is that there is a curious desire to see miracles and to honor a superman.

CATHOLIC MIRACLES

Even in the apostate system which has made the glorious gospel of no effect, there is a great interest in miracles. They are endeavoring to present to the world a display of supernatural phenomena which they contend operate within the realm of their system. Although they stoop to the ridiculous, the point to remember is that the emphasis is placed on miracles.

A stock miracle for centuries has been the supposed visit back to

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A Report From

IDAHO

By A. G. Thompson

AMONG THE states of the beautiful Pacific northwest is Idaho, known as the Gem State. It is a very large state of rugged mountains and beautiful valleys. Here a number of Church of God ministers and laity have worked and sacrificed that the Church of God might advance. It is because of their faithfulness that the following accomplishments have been realized. Many of the accomplishments cannot be shown from a statistical standpoint, for several of the churches that were organized were in their infancy, and the work of establishing a church is often strenuous and slow, and, if looked upon from the statistical standpoint alone, not too rewarding. Yet the ministers and laity have been faithful to the church and deserve much credit for their efforts. Oftentimes many miles separate the ministers from each other's fellowship; yet because of their love for the church, they have been willing to work and to preach that the Church of God might be established in Idaho.

As overseer of the state, I have worked as an evangelist and held several revivals in the churches of our state. God has been good to us and to Him we give all honor and glory.

The General Church and the Executive Committee have been very generous in their help to Idaho

through donations and loans, and as a result Idaho has a valuation of church property well over \$100,000.

In the lovely city of Coeur d'Alene with a population of over 10,000 people, the church has paid for a nice corner lot priced at \$2,500. The people are earnestly praying that some Church of God minister will heed the call of God to help establish a church in this area.

The church in Sandpoint, where Brother Grady Chaney is pastor, has finished the Sunday School annex and is now in the process of remodeling the church auditorium.

Wallace, under the leadership of Brother James B. Watts, started the church building in 1957 and by June of 1959 had most of it completed. The work was a little slow at times, but when you consider that the entire project was built by the members and the pastor after their working a complete shift in the mines, its progress was remarkable. In June, 1959, Brother Watts felt that his work in Wallace was finished and accepted the church in Caldwell, Idaho.

When the mines began to lay off workers and cut the work week in the spring of 1958, our church

in Elk Creek, which had just been set in order, was almost closed since many of the members moved away. Reverend Jesse Hale and Reverend Claude Sappington have been working hard to re-establish the church. Even now while I am writing this article a strike has been called which will again affect both the Wallace and Elk Creek Churches.

Reverend Carl Dilday came to us from another Pentecostal group and is doing an excellent job as pastor of the Rose Lake Church. Many of the losses as a result of a lack of full-time pastors are now being regained.

The parsonage at Lewiston has been remodeled and made more livable under the direction of the pastor, Brother S. S. Horstick.

Grangeville, under the leadership of Brother Dariu Horstick, has done considerable remodeling.

Caldwell, under the ministry of Brother James B. Watts, has made considerable progress and also paid for a number of items on which the church owed money.

Boise is our capital city, and we have here one of our nicest church buildings in the state. Under the leadership of Brother Duskin E. Keller, the church has completely painted the inside of the church including the basement, finished the floors, and made the second floor of the church into a nice parsonage with two bedrooms and bath. They are now in the process of putting up new sound board to take the ring out of the auditorium.

Mountain Home, under the leadership of Brother W. R. Tanner, is making progress. Mountain Home is an air base town and about the time you think the church is going strong, a number of the families are transferred. But God is giving us the victory and a good church will be established in this town.

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IDAHO CAMP MEETING

Baptist Youth Camp, Post Falls

June 13-18

H. D. WILLIAMS, Official Representative

A. G. Thompson, Overseer of Idaho, is a native of Pennsylvania. A licensed minister since 1940, he has served as youth director of Pennsylvania, Overseer of Colorado, pastor in Tennessee, California, Arizona, Kentucky, and Florida.

Report of Virginia

By J. D. Bright



The New Dormitory on the Virginia State Campground



The Virginia State Campground Cafeteria

VIRGINIA CAMP MEETING Campground, Roanoke June 14-19

W. E. Johnson, Bible Teacher
A. V. Childers, Evangelist
Earl P. Paulk, Official Representative

THANKS TO OUR Editor-in-chief for extending to me the privilege of giving a report of the work in Virginia since the Assembly of 1958. We should like first of all to give a report on the state building projects on the campground.

The dormitory which accommodates 300 to 360 was started in September, 1959, and was completed in April, 1960. It is built out of lightweight block; the first floor is concrete, the second floor is heavy plywood and asphalt tile. There are ten units in this building, each furnished with cold and hot water, four showers, and other facilities to make it modern and to accommodate thirty to thirty-six persons per unit.

A youth church with a two-story workshop has also been constructed and is now ready for service.

A cafeteria has just been completed with the dining hall 40 x 80, and kitchen 20 x 40; this will accommodate about 300. The cafeteria and kitchen are furnished and ready for our camp meeting and youth camp.

Contract for a swimming pool 30 x 70 has been let, and it is to be completed for the youth camp June 27-July 2.

We are grateful to God for His guidance and support in the state building projects, as well as for the wonderful cooperation by the ministers and members throughout the state, especially those who have worked for wages below the regular scale so that we could put over this program. We believe that everyone will be happy with the work that is done.

	1958	1960
Local Churches	104	109
State Membership	5,044	5,072
Sunday Schools	108	114
Y.P.E.'s	101	108
Extension Depts.	14	10
Branch Sunday Schools	4	2
Active Evangelists	47	75
L.W.W.B.'s	89	102
Amount raised by L.W.W.B.'s	\$49,154.26	\$69,728.19
Since 1958, the state treasury has contributed the following:		
To underpaid pastors — \$ 3,464.49		
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The Holy Spirit

Conclusion

By H. D. Williams
Assistant General Overseer

THE NEW TESTAMENT distinguishes between having the Spirit of God, which is true of every born again Christian, and being baptized in the Holy Ghost. Every true Christian has the Spirit of God and is indwelt by Him; therefore, he is eligible for the Holy Spirit's baptism. Jesus said, speaking of the spirit of truth, "He dwelleth with you and shall be in you." This is a Bible truth which many evangelical Christians overlook. It distinguishes between having the Spirit of God and being baptized with the Holy Spirit.

There is plenty of evidence that a Christian receives the Spirit of God when he is born again. This is borne out by the words of Jesus when He said of those early Christians in John 17:14: "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." In Luke 10:20, Jesus acknowledges that their names "are

written in heaven." In John 15:3, He said of them, "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you." In verses 4 and 5, He acknowledged that they were united to Him as a branch is to a vine. And yet, they had not received the Holy Ghost, "For he was not yet given because Jesus was not yet glorified."

All Pentecostals agree with Dr. R. A. Torrey when he said, "A man may be regenerated by the Spirit and still not be baptized with the Holy Spirit." The Holy Spirit's baptism could not be water baptism, for John's words in Matthew 3:11 were: "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire." Water baptism is an outward act of obedience signifying the in-

ward work of grace, symbolizing spiritual death unto sin and resurrection unto spiritual life in Christ Jesus the Lord.

John 17:21, Jesus prayed that Christians might be one: "That the world may believe that thou hast sent me." The writer of Acts in chapter 1, verse 14 tells us, "These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication." "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place" (Acts 2:1). They were in full fellowship with their risen Lord and one another. Quoting Charles W. Conn in *Pillars of Pentecost*, "This marvelous oneness came some time before the Holy Ghost came. This Christian love and purity had to come before the Holy Ghost could find entrance." Quoting Hubert T. Spence in *The Person, Work, and Witness of the Holy Ghost*, "Heart cleansing is essentially a prerequisite qualifying one for the incoming and indwelling of the Holy Spirit." Quoting Carl Brumback in *What Meaneth This?*, "There are some differences of opinion among Pentecostals in regard to the exact method of sanctification, but all believe in a holy, separated life." All denominations affiliated with the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America teach that the Holy Spirit and sin cannot abide in the same heart. The baptism of the Holy Ghost is not a work of grace in our hearts, but rather a promised gift: "Ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

There must be separation from the world and dedication to God before one can receive the Holy Ghost. When Jesus talked to His disciples about the coming of the Spirit, He said, "Wait for the promise of the Father which ye have heard of me; Ye shall receive the Holy Ghost not many days hence." The Holy Spirit is a promise of the Father through Christ. When speaking of the promise of the Father, He must have had reference to God's promise through Joel which says, "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see

visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit" (Joel 2:28, 29). Jesus said, "I will send the promise of my Father upon you." When they were baptized in the Holy Ghost, Simon Peter said, "This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; For the promise is unto you [the Jew], and to your children, and to all that are afar off [Gentiles], even as many as the Lord our God shall call" (Acts 2:16, 39).

The Holy Spirit is a gift from both the Father and the Son, Jesus said in John 15:26, "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me."

The Holy Spirit is a filling. When referring to the outpouring of the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost, the writer of Acts in chapter 2, verse 4 said, "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost." It is important that we remember that the whole church was present and filled with the Holy Spirit. This was the initial baptism in the Holy Ghost, for Acts 4:31 says of them again, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness." The exhortation of the apostle in the first century should be echoed throughout the church in our day. "Be not drunk with wine for that is debauchery, but be filled and stimulated with the Holy Ghost." Pentecostal worship was never so attractive as when the saints are filled with the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is an endowment with power. Hear the words of the Master when He says to the Church, "Tarry ye . . . until ye be endued with power from on high." And again, "Wait for the promise of the Father." And, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Decency is not enough. We must be dynamic. There is no power of winsomeness in dry-eyed holiness. Morality is not enough; we must move men to Christ. Quoting from the late Meyer Pearlman in *Knowing the Doctrines of the Bible*: "The main feature of this promise is power

for service and not regeneration for eternal life. Whenever we read of the Spirit's coming upon, resting upon, falling upon, or filling the people, the reference is never to the saving work of the Spirit, but always to power for service." Those who were baptized in the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost were also filled with the Spirit and were spiritually empowered by the Holy Ghost to witness effectively for Christ. And the Lord confirmed the Word with signs following.

The Holy Spirit is a Comforter. Saddened by the words of Jesus when He said, "I must leave you," those early Christians were given reassurance when He said, "I will not leave you comfortless. I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever." When we see the signs of a declining age, and hear the rolling thunder of tribulation in the distance, we may walk in the fear of God and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is that wonderful promise of the Father of which speaking with other tongues is the initial physical evidence. This truth is confirmed in Acts 2:4: "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." The household of Cornelius also spoke as the Spirit gave utterance when they were baptized in the Holy Ghost. "And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God" (Acts 10:45, 46). There are other Scriptures which support this truth. There is no place in the Bible where this promise has been annulled. Therefore, tarry until you are endued with power from on high. Wait for the promise of the Father.

In connection with the Christian life, the Holy Spirit is seen working in a twofold manner. We receive power to become sons of God by receiving Christ Jesus. The Scripture says, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power [or the

privilege] to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12). We receive power to witness for Christ by receiving the Holy Ghost. Acts 1:8 says: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Christ is a gift from the Father to the world. The Holy Ghost is a gift to believers from both the Father and the Son. Through our willing surrender to Christ, the power of sonship becomes ours. So, through our entire surrender to the Holy Ghost, the power of witnessing becomes ours. In Exodus 40 we are told that the tabernacle was brought to Moses, approved by him, and consecrated to God. Then the cloud covered the tent of the congregation and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. It was when Jesus had given Himself publicly to do the will of God that the Holy Ghost came upon Him. In Acts 10:38, the Bible says, "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him." It was when the early Christians had yielded themselves to the will of their Master that the Holy Ghost came upon them, "and they went everywhere preaching, the Lord working with them and confirming the Word with signs following." We cannot receive the power of the Holy Ghost apart from His very presence any more than we can enjoy the light or the warmth of the sun apart from the presence of the sun. The Holy Spirit's presence in the believing soul is all subduing and overcoming.

The indwelling Spirit manifests His character in different ways. He comforts the Christian. Jesus said in John 16:7: "It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you." The Holy Ghost as the Comforter could not come until Christ had finished His

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Music and Souls

By Mary Louise Smith

Campus and Touring Choir Accompanist

FROM THE BEGINNING, God has used music with the spoken Word to lead others to a closer walk with Himself; therefore, they go hand in hand to create an effective soul-winning service. The song leader is one of the most important persons in our effort to win precious souls. In planning the song service, three things must be considered: theme, Word of God, and prayer.

Music prepares one's heart for the message. Therefore, having songs that go along with the theme of the message is a step in preparation of the person's heart and mind. If the theme of the message should be on the blood of Jesus, such songs as "There Is Power in the Blood," "Are You Washed in the Blood," etc., could be used. Before using any song, ask yourself if it is Christ-centered. If it does not proclaim Christ as either Saviour, King, or Comforter, it should not be used in a soul-winning service.

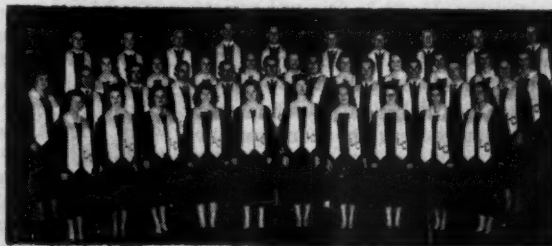
Much time should be spent in prayer over the songs that you plan to use in any service. The Lord can direct one to a particular song just as well as He directs the minister to speak on a certain topic to bless some heart. A well planned song service should contain songs of praise, comfort, confession, and prayer, all of which require that the song leader spend as much time in preparation and prayer as the minister. It has been proved that a positive invitation influences more people for Christ, i.e., the songs should have a positive appeal for people to see their need of Christ and be convicted of their sins. Some examples are "Softly and Tenderly," "Just As I Am," "Kneel at the Cross." Discretion should be taken in choosing the old-time hymns and favorites rather than the more "popular" gospel songs. All these pointers can be applied to all services in personal evangelism: street services, jail services, services at old folks' homes, and cottage prayer meetings.

Using these same practices and techniques in children's services may make them very successful. Music draws children to services more often than almost any other thing because of group participation. An effective addition to the children's song service is an instrument, preferably an accordion. The children are intrigued with the intricate playing of the accordion. If one wants to sing either a solo or with a group, encourage him to do so. Featuring children in a group

encourages the shy ones and builds self-confidence.

Children tend to have higher voices than most adults. The chorus books for children are placed in the key which is thought to be the best suited for them, not for adults. Care must be taken not to make the songs too high or too low for the children because this may discourage them or keep them from singing the songs well. There are many varieties of choruses to help you plan an effective children's song service. The use of action choruses gains the interest of the children quickly.

Sincerity is the basis of all music directed to God. The songs should not draw attention to themselves or to the performers, but to God. (John 3:30). If we do our part by having spiritual and technical preparation, God will do His part by using our efforts to win souls to Himself.



The Lee College Choir

Glorifying and worshiping the Lord through music and songs of praise is a vital part of evangelistic services.

While Their Hearts Are Tender

By Glenna Sheppard

Pioneers for Christ
Child Evangelism Group Leader

STATISTICS INDICATE that as a general rule, as a person grows older, his heart becomes more hardened to the gospel. The vast majority of those who are Christians today were saved before the age of twenty. With increasing age, fewer and fewer accept Christ as their personal Saviour. May God so burden our souls that we will not only begin to explain the way of salvation to "little ones" who ask, but even make opportunities and find interesting methods with which to approach them and win them to the Lord Jesus while their hearts are tender and full of faith.

We have no assurance that the nine-year-old next door will someday be a teen-ager. He may meet an untimely death, so it behooves us to win him to Christ today. Who said that the age of accountability is twelve years of age? Many have been those who have felt genuine conviction at the age of six, seven, eight, or nine.

Charles H. Spurgeon, the great preacher from London, felt the weight and guilt of his sins for several years before he found Christ. The reason for the delay in his accepting Christ was not a lack of desire on his part, but rather was due to the fact that he did not know "how" or "what" to believe in order to be "born again." Finally, at the age of twelve, he visited all the churches around his home until he found one in which he was told "how" to be saved.

Had Mr. Spurgeon not found Christ when he did, he could have become hardened and indifferent in his teens and later years and, as a result, not only have lost his own soul but also failed to fulfill the will of God for his life, which included the winning of thousands of precious souls to Christ.

We have no way of knowing how many little Charles Spurgeons, Billy Sundays, or Billy Grahams we pass daily, with a careless smile, never mentioning Christ to them. God will not hold us blameless for our lack of concern. Many of the children whom we ignore will never be won unless they are won *now*. God's Word says, "Now is the day of salvation." This is not just to the older folk, because Jesus said, "He who has an ear to hear, let him hear." Just as soon as a child is old enough to "hear" and "understand" how to be



Instructor and PFC Co-sponsor, Miss Peggy Humphrey, aided by Bob Strickland, Elaine Hickman (second from right), and Helen Anderson (right), can report a great increase in Child Evangelism classes this year at Lee.

saved, he is old enough to accept Christ as his personal Saviour, to have his sins washed away, and to be born again by the power and Spirit of the living God.

The need of the hour is to train our children in the way they should go. God's Word promises us that if we train them while they are young, when they are old, they will not depart from the faith or from following Christ.

CHILD EVANGELISM IN ACTION

There are many ways in which we can teach, train, and win our boys and girls to Christ, but one of the most popular and effective ways is by means of child evangelistic services. In such a meeting a regular church service is held, including singing, prayer, and testimonies. Then a special, illustrated sermon for boys and girls is given. Each part of the service is kept simple and the claims of Christ are strongly urged.

The climax of the service should be the "time of decision," during which the children are invited to accept Christ as their personal Saviour and also to yield their lives to Him as their Lord.

Child evangelism is a necessity in every church. The worker's qualifications include: being a stable, dependable Christian himself; loving children and being able to talk and teach on their level, as well as understanding their problems and helping solve them. In short, a child evangelist must be compatible with children.

The first step in forming a child evangelism group in the local church is to obtain the names of those children enrolled in the local Sunday School who would be interested. Then, by door-to-door canvassing, one should speak enthusiastically about the services,

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REVIVAL OF INTEREST IN MIRACLES

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this world by Mary, the woman God chose to bring His son into the world. In recent years, Mary is supposed to have appeared in a bush. Precious souls who have been taught Mariolatry from infancy picked the leaves off this shrub and even denuded the bush of all its branches and preserved them as objects of veneration and worship. In more recent years it is alleged that a pencil in the home of one of these people would arise of its own accord and write across a sheet of paper. Not long ago the home of one of these people received world-wide attention in the press. Articles of furniture, pots, pans, and bottles were supposed to move about and jump around of their own accord. Bottles of liquid including bottles of holy water are alleged to have jumped about and removed their tops without human assistance. Within the last year multitudes flocked to a Catholic Church in Poland and assumed a worshipful attitude when the hoax was perpetrated that a supernatural light was shining on the church steeple. In the current issue of a very popular magazine is an article which relates a pathetic story about a young man who was mentally ill from battle fatigue during the last war. It is affirmed that he was miraculously healed by kneeling in the woods and worshiping a birch stump which bore the likeness of Mary.

Regardless of how inconsistent with the Word of God these spurious miracles are, we should remember that there are millions who have been shielded from God's Word and His plan of salvation. The inherent longing in their souls for the supernatural will cause them to grasp at fantasies. We will make a tragic mistake if we let these spurious miracles deter us from seeking the presence of a living God and the manifestation of His miraculous power. In these evil days we need the presence of God and the manifestation of His mighty power as never before. If

we take miracles out of the Bible, we take God out of the Bible.

This age will end with a federation of nations in the geographical territory of the Roman Empire ruled by a brilliant genius. Co-ruler with this man will be the high pontiff of a federation of apostate religions. This religious system will have a great affinity for images and the age will end with a deluge of miracles. The high pontiff of religion will force people to worship a great image. The Amplified New Testament is very clear regarding the culmination of the spiritual conditions we are witnessing today. "He performs great signs, startling miracles, even making fire fall from the sky to the earth in men's sight. And he was permitted also to impart the breath of life into the beast's image so that the statue of the beast could actually talk, and to cause to be put to death those who would not bow down and worship the image of the beast" (Revelation 13:13, 15). The world stage is set for the rapture and the end of the age. It is thrilling to students of prophecy to see the tempo in which prophecy is being fulfilled. Those who are in fellowship with God can wait serenely as they watch every political, economic, and religious trend move into the pattern for the end of this age.

A REPORT FROM IDAHO

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Emmett, where Brother Whetstone is pastor, has put siding on the church and made it a more pleasant place in which to worship.

God has blessed Idaho not only in the temporal things but also smiled His blessing of approval upon us in the spiritual. There have been 164 converted, 63 sanctified, 34 filled with the Holy Ghost, and a net gain in church membership of 49. The growth has been slow, but we pray that it has been solid for the church.

Up to and including April, 1960, 33,296 have attended Church of God Sunday Schools in Idaho. Up to and including April, 1960, 19,185

have attended Church of God youth services. We covet your prayers for this missions state territory that God will continue to bless.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

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work and reappeared before the Father. He teaches the Christian. Jesus said in John 14:26: "He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." This great teacher come from God does not speak of Himself, but of Him who sent Him. He gives prevailing power in prayer. "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered" (Romans 8:26). He gives power to witness. "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). This promise became a fact: "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness" (Acts 4:31). He gives power to resist evil. "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you" (James 4:7, 8). It takes consecration to submit; it takes power to resist. "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith" (1 Peter 5:8, 9). "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen" (Ephesians 3:20, 21).

He abides and keeps the Christian. He abode with Christ through

His dying hour. He kept Stephen and abode with him as he died a martyr for Christ. "And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit" (Acts 7:59). "But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God" (Acts 7:55). He witnessed through Paul to preach life and immortality through Christ. He comforted Paul when others had forsaken him. He kept Paul in the Roman jail, in perils in the wilderness, and among false brethren. He was still abiding when Paul gave his last testimony and went to the chopping block. F. J. Lee, former General Overseer of the Church of God, said on his death bed, "I have searched my heart, and my record is clear." Sister Jenkins, an 81-year-old saint, said just before she died, "Praise God, He still abides."



REPORT OF VIRGINIA

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To evangelists	\$ 3,515.57
To aged ministers	908.29
To the Home for Children	5,972.41

To foreign missions (Hdq.) — 20,232.57
To new works, churches, parsonages, lots, etc. — 8,215.64
Material progress since the Assembly, 1958:

NEW PARSONAGES: Newport News, Grundy, Glenrock, South Richmond, Franklin, Grapefield, Mt. Clinton, Timberville.

CHURCHES PURCHASED: Ballentine Place, Auburn, Hamilton.

CHURCHES BUILT: Crozet Grundy, Lynchburg, South Norfolk, Christiansburg, Franklin, North Danville, Ashland, Tabbs, Winchester, Amherst, Tip Top.

IMPROVEMENTS TO CHURCHES: Seven churches remodeled, pulpit furniture, carpets, pews, pianos and organs purchased, churches painted, Sunday School rooms built, heating systems installed, L.W.W.B. quarters built.

IMPROVEMENTS TO PARSONAGES: Parsonages remodeled painted, baths installed, well

drilled, pump installed, furniture purchased.

CHURCHES PAID OFF DEBTS: Damascus, Elliston, Centerview, Honaker.

LOTS PURCHASED FOR CHURCHES: Alexandria, Pembroke.

Eight new churches have been organized since 1958: Crozet, Auburn, Highland Springs, Suffolk, Hamilton, Brosville, Gladstone.

We appreciate greatly the fine work that has been done throughout the state by the ministers and members in their local churches and new fields. We believe that Virginia is moving forward and that the future holds great possibilities for it. There have been wonderful peace and harmony throughout the state, not only since the Assembly of 1958, but also since the Assembly of 1956, when it was my privilege to come to this state. No state overseer could hope to have a more wonderful, cooperative group of ministers and members with which to work.

Effective June 1, 1960, the price on tithe envelopes will be increased to \$3.00 for 500, \$5.50 per 1,000.

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WHILE THEIR HEARTS ARE TENDER

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arousing interest and inviting those children who are not members of the local Sunday School to attend. Decide on a definite time and place for the service and be faithful to be there on time, every week. God will reward your faithfulness by adding many precious "lives" to the kingdom of God.

Sunday School Teachers in Action

Sunday School teachers of children's classes should not visit the home to talk just with the parents but rather should, in addition, make the child feel very important, significant, and special by talking alone with him, reading God's Word with him, and praying with him. Genuine love and personal interest win the children (as well as the adults) to Christ.

Whenever and wherever you see a child is the time

and place to speak kindly, smile, and demonstrate your love for him, thus laying a foundation upon which you can build the truths of God's Word and, through these truths, win the child to Christ.

Ninety-nine per cent of winning a child is, after he has made a decision for Christ, keeping in touch with him, encouraging him, praying with and for him and, above all, causing him to feel that it *matters* to you whether or not he serves Christ. This in general, is called "follow-up," and its importance is immeasurable.

God is depending on us to win boys and girls while their hearts are tender. *Now* it is possible for us to win them from delinquency; *now* it is possible for us to win them from disgrace; *now* we can win them from destruction. Later not only *may* be, but probably will be, too late. We must not gamble with the souls of our boys and girls. Let us "Be gentle unto all . . . apt to teach, patient," (2 Timothy 2:24) and win the little ones to Jesus.



McABEE

On Friday, September 25, 1959, we were grieved by the tragic death of our mother, Mrs. Margie Mae McAbee, wife of Rev. C. E. McAbee.

As mother and other members of the family were shopping, they started to cross the main intersection in Greenville, South Carolina, and a car that ran a stop light struck mother, with death resulting approximately 1 hour and 20 minutes later. Six pedestrians were struck down; several were hurt very badly, one being my sister.

Mother was born October 2, 1896, in Tennessee but had resided in the State of South Carolina most of her life.

Funeral services were conducted at the Greer, South Carolina, Church of God, September 27, 1959, by Rev. G. W. Cooper who was assisted by Rev. B. E. Ellis, Rev. J. T. Shealy, and Rev. G. L. Britt. Burial was at the Woods Memorial Gardens near Greer.

At the time of her death, she was residing at Clifton, South Carolina, where she was then serving as a faithful pastor's wife.

She is survived by her husband, Rev. C. E. McAbee; 4 sons: James T. of Ormond Beach, Florida, M. E. of Blacksburg, South Carolina, Harry E. and Robert C. of Greenville, South Carolina; three daughters: Mrs. Louise Gwinn of Greer, South Carolina, Mrs. Estelle Presley and Mrs. Myrtle Brooks of Greenville, South Carolina; 16 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren; one sister and one brother.

Our lives are vacant by her sudden and tragic death but we have our hope in Jesus Christ who some glorious day will unite us in heaven if we are true to Him. She was a typical mother and a faithful pastor's wife and we have her testimony as a guide and an example which, if we will follow, will help us to attain an eternal home.

—Mrs. Howard W. Brooks, daughter

REESE

Lizzie Teague Reese, beloved member of the Williamston, South Carolina, Church of God, fell asleep

in Jesus, January 19, 1960, at the age of 74.

Her funeral was conducted at the Williamston Church of God by D. W. Moody, J. T. Shealy, and L. H. Alford. She was laid to rest in Pelzer Cemetery.

All who knew her loved her. Her body was bent and drawn and she suffered for many years; yet she faithfully attended church. Her smiling face in the midst of suffering made you feel your unworthiness.

She had been a pillar in the early and difficult years of the Pelzer Church of God. After moving to Williamston, she transferred her membership here one and one-half years ago.

Sister Reese was the widow of the late John Reese, who died in 1948, and the daughter of the late James K. and Hester Head Teague.

She leaves to mourn her passing 4 daughters, 2 sons, 14 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and a host of friends. The church here will miss her greatly.

—Mrs. Willie Waters, reporter

GIBSON

Mrs. Bertha Rhoda Gibson was born at Plattsburg, Missouri, January 8, 1880, and went to be with the Lord on November 2, 1959 in Los Angeles, California. She lived all her life in Missouri until 16 years ago when she moved to Los Angeles.

She is survived by 3 daughters, Mrs. Naomi Ford, Archie, Missouri, Mrs. Corinne Groce, St. Joseph, Missouri, Mrs. Blanche Voorhees, Pico Rivera, California; four sons, Grover and Bert of Los Angeles, James of Amazonia, Missouri; Everett of Vancouver, Washington; 4 sisters; 3 brothers; and a host of grandchildren, loved ones, and friends. —Frank Woods, reporter

PARAMORE

Rev. Joseph Howell Paramore, age 74, died January 27, 1960, at Obici Memorial Hospital after a short illness.

He was a native of Pitts County, North Carolina. He was the son of

the late William B. and Mary Anne Edwards Paramore. His wife was the late Hattie Boyce Paramore.

His last pastorate was the Kingston, North Carolina, Church of God.

Surviving are 5 daughters, Mrs. J. L. Banks, Mrs. J. C. Singleton, Mrs. H. W. Parvin, Mrs. H. L. Dale, and Mrs. C. B. Council; 2 sons, W. A. and J. T.; 1 sister, 1 brother, 27 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service for Rev. Paramore was conducted on January 31 at the Snowd Branch Church of God near Williamston, North Carolina, by Rev. R. L. Murray. He was buried in the church cemetery.

—N. H. Roope, reporter

VINSON

Joan Vinson, born October 2, 1942, at Decatur, Michigan, departed this life at her home in Kennett, Missouri, on December 3, 1959, at 7:30 p.m. For several years she had rheumatic fever which had affected her heart.

She loved the Kennett Church of God and attended when her health would permit. She did all she could to promote God's work.

She leaves her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wellie Vinson; 1 sister, Mrs. Wellie Dee Goss; 3 half-sisters, Mrs. Melba Imbler, Mrs. Virginia Gibson, and Mrs. Ruby Green; 3 half-brothers, Harold, Cleo, and Elvis McClanahan; and a host of friends and relatives.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 6, by her pastor, Jack Owens. Burial was in Oak Ridge Cemetery.

Joan will be greatly missed by the church here in Kennett, but we know that God never makes a mistake. We anxiously await the resurrection morning when "the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

—Shirley Williams, a friend

DRUMMONDS

John Henry Drummonds departed this life on March 5, 1960, to be with the Lord. Brother Drummonds was 74 years old. He leaves his wife, Vicie Drummonds, 15 children, and a host of friends and relatives.

Brother Drummonds was a member of the Oak Grove Church of God. His funeral was conducted by L. E. Robinson, H. W. Riggon, and L. D. Creal.

The Church of God at Oak Grove will miss him as he was always faithful to his church.

—Rev. J. J. Kittrell, son-in-law

TOLER

On March 12, 1960, God called Sister Margaret Toler, age 78, to her home for which she had labored for a great number of years. Becoming a member of the Church of God in 1917, she was known as the "mother of the church." She was faithful until the end. Surely there is a great reward awaiting her. We are looking forward to meeting her again. Sister Toler is greatly missed in the church. Her faithfulness will not soon be forgotten.

She is survived by 5 daughters, Mrs. Cora Ronk and Mrs. Clarence Bradley of Charleston, Mrs. Artie Meadows of Beckley, Mrs. Okey Stanley and Miss Anice Toler of East Bank; 1 son, William H. Toler; and a host of friends.

Her body was laid to rest in Montgomery Memorial Park at London, West Virginia, to await the coming of our Lord.

—Mrs. Frances Carter

ROBINSON

Rev. Robert S. Robinson passed away March 10, 1960, at his home in Jacksonville, Alabama. Brother Robinson was a soldier of the cross for 63 years, a minister for 58 years, and an ordained minister in the Church of God for 50 years. Even though he had been retired for some time, he was still very active in the church and preached until the last two years of his life. God blessed him to live to be next to the oldest minister in the Church of God. Brother Robinson will be missed very much at the Jacksonville Church and in the State of Alabama.

—Rev. Otis V. Sewell, pastor

McLENDON

Mrs. Hortense McLendon, wife of Marvin C. McLendon, departed this life on November 15, 1959, to be with Jesus. High blood pressure caused a stroke which resulted in death.

She was a devoted wife and a loving mother and had many friends who knew her and admired her life. She had been a Christian since girlhood and a member of the Church of God for about 10 years. Although she suffered in this world, she is with Jesus now and awaits our coming. Her pains and sorrows are over and the eternal day has begun. I am longing for the time when we shall meet on heaven's shore never to part again.

Pray for her children who are not saved. She leaves 9 children, 6 of whom need Jesus. Her husband is a wonderful Christian and faithful in the work of the Lord.

—Mrs. U. E. McLendon,
daughter-in-law

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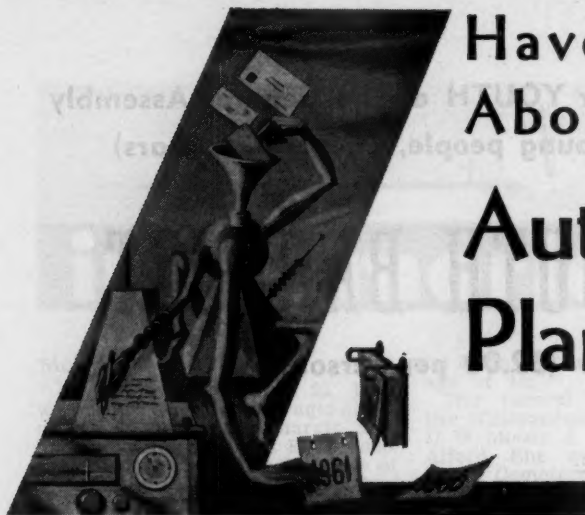
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